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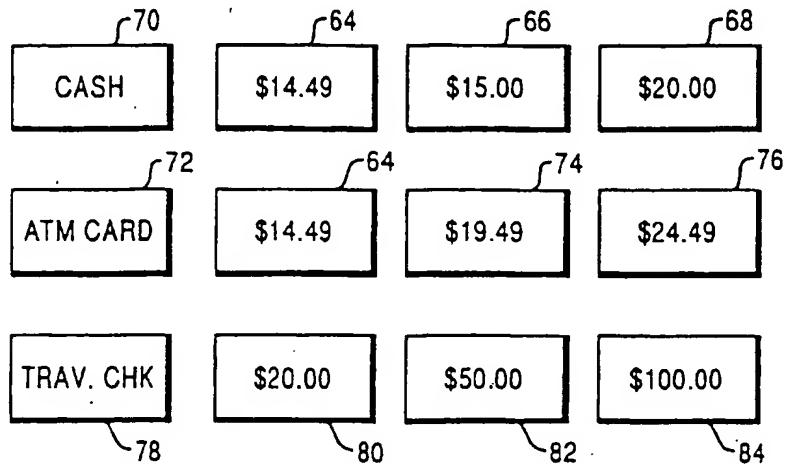
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(54) Apparatus and method for processing payment for a merchandise item

(57) The invention provides for a merchandise checkout apparatus such as electronic cash register (20) having a touch screen panel (22) and a cash till (26) including a plurality of compartments for storing respective bill and coin denominations, wherein the touch sensitive display screen (22) is arranged to display a receipt (40) listing the merchandise items purchased together with the amount due, a plurality (66,68) of bill denominations which may be submitted by a customer for the purchase of said merchandise items and a representation of said cash till (26) together with the particular bill and coin denominations in the respective compartments of said cash till (26) and the number of such denominations which are to be dispensed as the change to said customer. A method of processing payment with such apparatus is also disclosed.

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